



Tester & Schilling,

Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Cutlery,

Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fittings, Fence Wire etc.

Alma, Wis. May H1891

To Superintendent U. S. Minh. Philadelphia Pa.

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[Abstract:] Relative to issue of cracked \$20 gold pieces.

Office of Tester & Schilling, Dealers in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Cutlery Alma, Wis. May 14, 1891

To Superintendent U.S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please allow me to address you in regard to U.S. Gold coins. This morning while I was collecting city license some party among other \$20 gold pieces presented one that I refused, as by dropping it on a hardwood desk I discovered that it had not the peculiar sound which is usually present in genuine pieces. I dropped it on the desk and the sound was one of a lead dollar. I balanced it on the tip of my finger and it had no ringing sound whatever, our Bank however declared it "OK" stating that the pieces had a crack which caused the disappearance of all ringing sound of the piece. Will you please inform me if \$20 Gold pieces pass out of U.S. mints cracked or are such pieces liable to crack while in circulation.

Yours very truly, J.W. Tester City Treasurer